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SUBJECT: BILATERAL TEXTILE CONSULTATIONS

1. CONSISTENT WITH OBLIGATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 2 OF THE NEW MULTIFIBER TEXTILE ARRANGEMENT (MFA) AND WITH OUR STATEMENTS OF RECORD AT GENEVA, AND PROVIDED GOP HAS ACCEPTED NEW MFA FOR MACAU BY DATE SUGGESTED BELOW, WE INTEND REVIEW OUR EXISTING BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENTS WITH MACAU TO BRING THEM, WHERE APPROPRIATE, INTO CONFORMITY WITH TERMS OF THE MFA.

2. U.S. TEXTILE DELEGATION PLANNING TO VISIT HONG KONG TO REVIEW U.S. BILATERALS WITH THAT GOVERNMENT MARCH 8 - 15 AND WE WISH TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT OPPORTUNITY TO ALSO CONSULT WITH THE APPROPRIATE MACAU OFFICIALS. ACCORDINGLY, THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH THE GOP SOONEST AND OBTAIN ITS CONCURRENCE FOR THE CONDUCT OF SUCH CONSULTATIONS DURING THAT PERIOD IN MACAU. IN
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APPROACHING THE GOP YOU MAY STATE THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE

CONSULTATIONS IS NOT ONLY TO REVIEW THE EXISTING
BILATERALS BUT ALSO TO AFFORD BOTH SIDES AN OPPORTUNITY
TO DISCUSS THE WHOLE RANGE OF TEXTILE MATTERS INCLUDING

IMPLICATIONS OF OPERATION OF THE MFA. EMBASSY SHOULD
ALSO EMPHASIZE THAT USG PREPARED ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS
ONLY IF GOP HAS ACCEPTED MFA FOR MACAU BY BEGINNING OF
SUCH CONSULTATIONS,

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S TELEGRAPHIC
RESPONSE (1) RE ACCEPTANCE MFA FOR MACAU, (2) RE
CONCURRENCE US CONSULTATION PROPOSAL, AND (3) INDICATION
FROM GOP OF NAMES MACAU OFFICIALS WITH WHOM USDEL
SHOULD CONSULT. KISSINGER

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